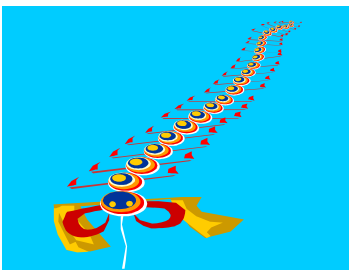




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Let's Fly Kites



Kite flying is great fun and it's easy if you know some of the secrets. Stand with your back to the wind. Hold your kite up by the bridle, the string attached to the vertical stick you build your kite around, and let the line out. If there is sufficient wind, your kite will go right up into the sky. If your kite sinks tail first, then there isn't enough wind and if it comes down head first, then there is too much wind. Adding tails to your kite helps it remain stable in stronger winds. If you use light weight material for the tails, then you can use many to make it colorful!



Flying your kite is the most fun with medium wind so you can do more with your kite than just hold on. You can make your kite dance across the sky by pulling and letting out the string.

Here are a few safety rules to remember:

- Never fly your kite near power lines
- Never fly your kite near ditches, trees, traffic or over roads
- If your kite gets caught in a tree leave it alone. Climbing up in high places can be dangerous.

Kites are a spring staple; they come in many different shapes, colors and sizes. Preschoolers can celebrate this springtime tradition through a variety of art activities. Enjoy these suggestions.

Pasta Bows

Cut a diamond template out of cardboard. Trace the pattern onto a piece of white construction paper. Have the children decorate their kite. Draw a line in black marker for the kite's

tail. Glue farfalle pasta pieces onto the line for a colorful kite tail.

Egg Shell Collage

Start this project with a diamond shape cut out of construction paper. Spread glue on the diamond shape and add crushed eggshells. Attach a tail to the kite made from colorful yarn and add bows made from construction paper.

Sponge Diamonds

Preschoolers can create a tranquil scene in a sponge kite painting. Cut a sponge into a diamond shape. Pour different colors of tempera paint into a paint tray. Dip the sponge into the paint and press onto the paper to create different colored kites. Use crayons and markers to complete the scene.

The Best Kite

Staple strips of colored tissue paper onto the bottom of a plastic grocery bag. Then tie yarn onto the handles of the plastic bag. Let the children run holding onto the yarn. These "kites" (continued on pg 4)

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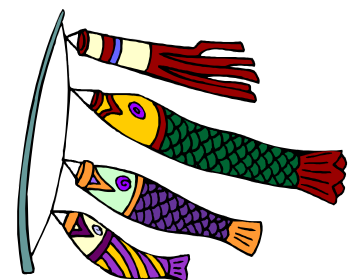
*Long tail whipped by
Bright colors, wind*

*The string tugs, fly
kite!*



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Book Corner



A Sky Full of Kites

By: *Osmond Molarsky*

Little Collin wants to show off his beautiful picture to everybody, and doesn't give up until he finds the perfect way.

The Emperor and The Kite

By: *Jane Yolen*

Djeow Seow, the Emperor's tiniest daughter, is always forgotten by her family as she spends her days flying a kite made from paper and sticks. When her father is taken prisoner, only Djeow Seow's courage, and a little help from her kite, can save him. Traditional, oriental papercut illustrations embellish this sensitive tale of love and loyalty. This is a Caldecott Medal Honor winning book.



The Flyaway Kite

By: *Steve Bjorkman*

There once was a boy who had a kite he loved very much. Every day the pair would have a new adventure together. One day the kite made a terrible decision that changed everything! Could the little kite survive in the world all by himself?

Lucky Song

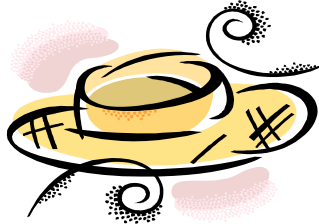
By: *Vera B. Williams*

Listen to this lucky song about Evie and her blue-sky, kite-flying day. Evie's day wouldn't be nearly as special without a little help from her family. Enjoy the song over and over.

Curious George Flies A Kite

By: *Margret Rey*

George goes from one adventure to another; losing and finding a baby bunny, learning to fish, and naughtily flying a kite until he flies it so high above the town he needs to be rescued by the Man with the Yellow Hat.



Kites for Kids

By: *Marks Burton*

This is helpful advice for kite launching and landing along with illustrated directions for constructing twelve simple kites.

Hamlet and the Enormous Chinese Dragon Kite

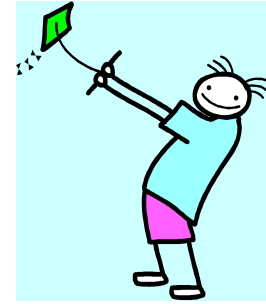
By: *Brian Lies*

This is a story of friendship that speaks to all of us. There are two critters who are wonderful friends but have opposite personalities. Hamlet, the pig, is the daredevil that's completely fearless and doesn't seem to learn from experience. Quince, the porcupine, is a very cautious parental type who wants Hamlet to look for nice, quiet, safe activities. Quince is always there for his friend, Hamlet, ready to pick up the pieces and provide comfort after the inevitable disaster.

Corey's Kite

By: *Hannah Roche*

Sunny, raining, windy or snowy, Corey is out and about exploring the world with his kite. The vivid and engaging art show how children actually experience the weather.



Riley Flies a Kite

By: *Susan Blackaby*

This story follows Riley as he tries to find the right place to fly his kite.

Little Lion's Lost Kite

By: *Emily Bolam*

Follow little lion as he hunts for his lost kite in this lift the flap board book.

One Windy Day

By: *Jane Caraway*

When Janey's kite gets stuck in a tree, her friends are there to help her retrieve the kite.



The Funny Ride

By: *Margaret Hillert*

Read along as a child sees interesting things from a sky view when the kite lifts him up into the air.

The Great Kite Book

By: *Norman Schmidt*

This book has directions and illustrations for 19 brightly colored kites each with their own flying pattern.

Let's Do Some Singing & Finger Plays

Come Fly a Kite

Sung to: "On top of old Smokey"

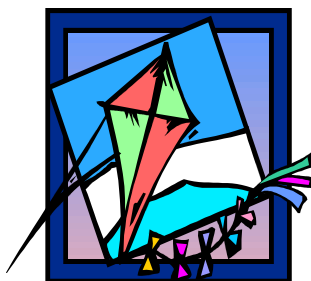
Oh, come fly a kite, way up in the sky.
Watch it climb so far up,
up in the sky.

Oh, come fly a kite, and just watch it
sail. Across the sky, waving it's tail.

I Like Kites

Sung to: "Three Blind Mice"

I like kites, I like kites.
They fly high, they fly high.
They keep me spinning round and
round, sometimes they touch the
ground. They fly through the air
without a sound. Oh, I like kites!



My Striped Kite

Sung to: "Itsy Bitsy Spider"

My blue-and-purple striped kite
climbed up into the sky.
Down came the rain, I felt like I
would cry.
Out came the sun and dried up all the
rain. So my blue-and-purple striped
kite climbed into the sky again.



The Kite

See the kite away up high (use one
hand as a kite sailing and twisting)
Sailing, swooping in the sky.
Twisting, turning and dipping around.
Until the wind goes and it comes flut-
tering down. (Hand comes slowly
down)



My Kite

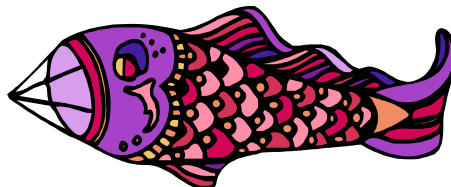
Sung to: "The Farmer in the Dell"

My kite is up so high,
My kite is up so high.
Oh my, just watch it fly
My kite is up so high.
My kite is falling down,
My kite is falling down
Oh no it's down so low
My kite is falling down
The wind has caught my kite,
The wind has caught my kite
What fun, I'm on the run
The wind has caught my kite.
My kite is up so high,
My kite is up so high
Oh my, just watch it fly
My kite is up so high.

Five Little Kites

*Hold up hand and fingers to corre-
spond to the number of kites and
wave in the air.*

One little kite in the sky so blue,
Along came another, then there were
two.
Two little kites flying high above me;
along came another then there were
three.
Three little kites, just watch them
soar,
Along came another then there were
four.
Four little kites, so high and alive
Along came another, then there were
five.
Five little kites dancing across the
sky,
What a sight to see, way up high!



Kites

Five bright kites at the store (hold up
five fingers)

Along came a strong wind, and now I
have four (close your thumb)

Four bright kites flying over the sea
Along came a big wave, and now there
were three (close your index finger)

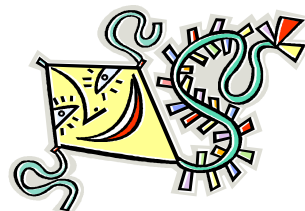
Three bright kites I will give one to
you

Three bright kites, now I have two
(close middle finger)

Two bright kites flew too near the
sun

Poor little kites! Now there is one
(put ring finger down)

One bright kite, that's enough for me,
I'll keep it away from the kite eating
tree!



Five Little Kites

Five little kites, way up in the sky
Say Hi to the clouds, as they pass by
Say Hi to the birds, Say Hi to the sun
Say Hi to the airplane, oh what fun!
They swish went the wind, and they
all took a dive:

One

Two

Three

Four

Five

Let's Go Fly a Kite

Let's go fly a kite
Up where it's clear and bright
Let's all go fly a kite
Let's go fly a (pick a color) kite
Up where it's clear and bright
Let's go fly a (same color) kite
On the second verse, have the chil-
dren tell you what color of kite.

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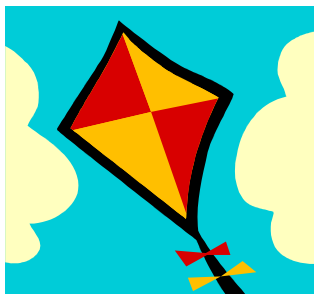
do not fly high as normal kites but the children have just as much fun and are successful.

Kite Blots

Give each child a diamond shape cut out of white construction paper. Put a small dollop of several different colors of paint in the middle of the kite. Fold the kite in half, then open it to see the cool design. When the paint dries add a streamer for a tail.

Use All of Your Senses

Cut large diamond shapes out of card stock. Pour a small amount of cold water on each shape and sprinkle with powdered jello. Let the children feel the transformation of the jello from liquid, to grainy, to smooth, then thick, and lastly solidified. This science activity uses all five senses and the children will have plenty of conversations about the changes in the jello.



Wind Hummers

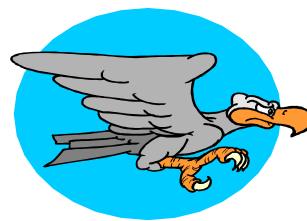
For each child cut a 6 inch circle out of poster board. Use a hole punch to punch holes around the edge of the circle and punch two holes, about one inch apart, in the center of the circle. Let the children decorate their circles with crayons or markers. Thread a 16 inch piece of string through the center holes of each child's circle and tie the ends together. Show the children how to "wind up" their circles by moving their strings in a circular motion. Then show them how to pull their strings tight to make their circles hum.

Kite Math

Make 8 kites out of 4 different wallpaper patterns. Draw on the tails and cover with clear contact paper for durability. Have the children match each kite to the one with the same wallpaper pattern. This activity can be done independently or in pairs. You could also use these kites to develop a patterned sequence.

How Many?

Write down the names of animals you can think of that fly. Are there any mammals on your list?



Grab your kite and get outside, join the fun, the sky is big enough for everyone!

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